

DRAFT – Revised (3-10-16)

Mansfield Board of Education

February 11, 2016

Minutes

Attendees:	Randy Walikonis, Chair, Jay Rueckl, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Susannah Everett, John Fratiello, Sarah Lacombe, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Kathy Ward
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The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Mr. Walikonis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Everett, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016 workshop. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Lacombe and Mrs. Paulhus.

Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Mr. Rueckl, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 workshop. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

HEARING FOR VISITORS:

Ryley Zawodniak, MMS teacher, spoke regarding budget, class size, and grade 5 position.

Sherry Andrews, MMS teacher, spoke regarding grade 5 position, class size.

Carrie Holman, MMS teacher and MEA Co-President, spoke regarding budget, teacher leaders, and class size.

Doug Perkins, resident and MMS teacher: spoke regarding MMS Library and .5 library specialist position.

Julie Hodgson, resident and MMS teacher, spoke regarding class size.

Ric Hossack, resident, spoke regarding budget and attorney contract,

David Freudmann, resident, spoke regarding budget and per pupil cost.

Dan Blanchard, resident, spoke regarding class size and .5 library specialist position.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letters received from Jonathan Sgro, Laura Hilton, Elyse Poller, Kimberly and Richard Christenson, and Rachel Leclerc.

Mr. Walikonis thanked Doug and Annie Perkins for the success of the Robotics Tournament at MMS.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to add bus contract discussion to the agenda. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

BOARD REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting to review the 2nd quarter Financial Report. The Committee asks the Board to accept the report in the Consent Agenda.

Personnel Committee: Mrs. Lacombe reported the Personnel Committee is beginning negotiations with UPSEU (custodians, food service, and maintainers).

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:

- 2016-2017 Budget Review and Adoption: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to adopt the proposed budget for 2016-2017. Mr. Walikonis asked Mrs. Lyman for an update. Mrs. Lyman proposed to
 - Reduce the budget by \$37,000 due to miscalculation of library position.
 - Reduce by one teacher reorganization of special education department due to resignation of one special education teacher, add one paraeducator for a net savings of \$64,640.
 - Reduce medical insurance fund balance by \$30,000
 - Total reduction would be \$131,640

Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to amend the proposed budget by reducing the library salary line by \$37,000, reduce certified salaries and benefits by \$96,070, increase special education paraeducator salary and benefits by \$31,430, and reduce medical insurance line by \$30,000, Total reduction: \$131,640. Vote: Unanimous in favor

Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, amend the budget by reducing \$98,860. Discussion by Board members followed. Vote: Mr. Fratiello, Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. Paulhus in favor. Ms. Silver-

Bernstein, Ms. Ward, Mr. Walikonis, Mr. Rueckl, Mrs. Lacombe, and Ms. Everett opposed. Motion Failed

Vote: to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget at \$22,980,500 (4.35%) as proposed by the Superintendent with the adopted amendment. Vote: Mr. Fratiello, Ms. Everett, Mrs. Lacombe, Mr. Rueckl, Mr. Walikonis, Mrs. Paulhus, Ms. Ward, and Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor. Mrs. Kelly opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of bus contract: Mrs. Lyman reported two companies bid on the contract with one being lower. Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe, the Mansfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to finalize and enter into a contract for transportation. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett, that the following item for the Board of Education February 11, 2016 meeting be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Board of Education accepts the 2015-2016 2nd Quarter Financial Report.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mrs. Paulhus would like discussion on creating a history of Board decisions.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, to adjourn at 9:35pm.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk